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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides isolated and purified nucleic acid molecules encoding a natriuretic peptide useful in methods to inhibit or prevent heart failure.